

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

at the

40th

ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES

of the

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool

November 3rd to 13th
1964



I accept only what I know.

I appreciate only what I understand.

I am concerned only when I am concerned "with".

I am responsible only for that which I helped create.

—DR. ALICE SCHWEIBERT—Ohio Farm Bureau.



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— HOW POLICY IS MADE

Constant efforts to maintain the democratic nature of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool are best illustrated in the handling of resolutions.

All resolutions passed at country meetings of Shareholders, Committee meetings, and District meetings of Delegates held during the year, are referred each month to the Board of Directors and to the manager of the Division concerned. This enables members' opinions to be kept constantly before the Board and Management.

Prior to the Delegates' Annual Meeting, the Resolutions Committee meets for three days. All resolutions received during the preceding twelve months are reviewed and consolidated for presentation to the Delegates' Annual Meeting.

The following is a list of the resolutions passed at the 40th Annual Meeting of Delegates:

— POLICY:

1. We recommend that the following points as contained in the Annual Report of the Board of Directors be adopted as the Pool's policy program for 1965.
 - (a) THAT Canadian Wheat Board legislation be established on a permanent basis and that its jurisdiction be extended to the marketing of Western rye, flax and rapeseed.
 - (b) THAT the Government of Canada, the Canadian Wheat Board and the grain trade strive to retain traditional markets for Canadian wheat, to acquire new markets and to promote the use of bread wheats in new areas of the world.
 - (c) THAT the Pool reaffirm its support for the International Wheat Agreement.
 - (d) THAT the Pool encourage greater participation by Canada in international programs for the distribution of food as foreign aid, and also urges greater use of food as a stimulant for economic development in underdeveloped areas.
 - (e) THAT the Pool continue to urge the Canadian government to allow into Canada greater entry of foreign goods, particularly from countries prepared to purchase Canadian commodities, as a means of increasing export of Canadian goods.

- (f) THAT the Pool recommends serious consideration of any proposals for the processing of Canadian wheat into other forms than bread flour.
- (g) THAT the Pool urge continued effort by both the Canadian Wheat Board and governments to increase sales of Canadian feed grains, oilseeds and oilseed products, both at home and abroad.
- (h) THAT the Pool continue its support of policies and programs to improve the quality, economics of production, and the marketing system for livestock; and further,

THAT expanded markets for livestock products be promoted.
- (i) THAT the Pool continue to support maintenance of the statutory guarantees for existing Crow's Nest Pass grain rates.
- (j) THAT the Pool continue to urge retention of adequate railway facilities to move Western grains to market and cautions against new policies and programs which do not take into account the requirements of Western farmers as a paramount consideration.
- (k) THAT the Pool continue to oppose attempts to finance the capital cost of St. Lawrence Seaway installations through user tolls, to oppose user tolls in any form on the inland Welland Canal, and to oppose increases in existing tolls on other seaway traffic.
- (l) THAT the Pool continue to support the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, and urge that in the development and extension of crop insurance programs, no action be taken that will jeopardize the continuation of PFAA legislation.
- (m) THAT the Pool continue to support land rehabilitation and conservation programs offered under PFRA and ARDA.
- (n) THAT the Pool continue to remain alert to the changing demands of farm people and continue to make every effort to keep the Pool's facilities and services abreast of these demands.

— *EQUITABLE INCOME TO FARMERS*

2. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool as a farm organization study and promote a policy which will give a more equitable income to those farmers who wish to remain in production and in order to achieve this the following points be considered:
 - (a) To discourage business interests from going into the production of commodities now being produced by farmers.
 - (b) Deterrents be considered to prevent farmers from controlling more than one economic unit.
 - (c) More subsidized interest loans to farmers to insure more economic farm production units.
 - (d) That we include in our educational program the need for emphasizing the above.

— *TWO-PRICE SYSTEM FOR WHEAT*

3. We recommend that if a two-price system for wheat is not implemented that acreage payments be paid yearly by the federal government.

— *RAIL RATIONALIZATION, BILL C-120*

4. BE IT RESOLVED that we record our approval and support for the stand taken by our officials on rail rationalization Bill C-120.
5. WHEREAS we are much concerned about the possibilities of the railway companies removing rail lines that are very necessary to the farmers of the West to market their grain;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Wheat Pools consider sending a large delegation from all the Western provinces, to Ottawa, to protest this action of the railways, if other representations fail.
6. We recommend that the Board of Directors continue in its efforts to have all railway abandonment proposals carefully and thoroughly investigated.
7. We recommend that all railways be nationalized.

— *CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD*

8. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool urge the Canadian Wheat Board to be stricter in the issuing of permit books and prosecute violators with a fine or cancellation of delivery privileges.

9. We recommend that the Canadian Wheat Board make their final payments on grain deliveries between 1st January and 1st April of the following crop year.
10. We recommend that a grower be entitled to obtain cash advances on his own grain without the landlord's signature.
11. We recommend that the Canadian Wheat Board announce before seeding the manner in which the 1965 Durum quota will be established, so that farmers may plan their operations within a reasonable degree of expectancy with regard to saleable quotas.
12. We recommend that the Prince Rupert terminal facilities be used to a greater extent.
13. We recommend that the congested elevator policy be strictly enforced so producers will have the right to deliver to the elevator of their choice.

— **FORAGE CROP BOARD**

14. We recommend that the Pool work toward the establishment of a Forage Crop Board designed along the lines of the Canadian Wheat Board, with the eventual goal being an International Forage Seed Agreement.

— **CHURCHILL**

15. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool use its influence to encourage increased grain shipments through the Port of Churchill.

— **BOARD OF GRAIN COMMISSIONERS**

16. We recommend that grain be sold by the hundredweight instead of by the bushel.
17. WHEREAS it appears it is difficult to convict those who present for sale grain contaminated with poisonous seed dressings; therefore we recommend that the regulations be changed so that it is more practical to penalize those who sell grain treated in this manner.
18. We recommend that the Board of Grain Commissioners investigate the method of assessing moisture content by way of dockage, thus encouraging farmers to harvest grain at a lower moisture content.

— GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

19. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool request the Government of Canada to accelerate its efforts to promote foreign trade in farm products by offering credit terms, trade agreements and tariff concessions.

— BILL C-126

20. WHEREAS the Canada Labour Standards Code Bill C-126 applies to country elevators, and

WHEREAS the provisions of the Bill, including the provisions for "averaging" hours of work are impractical to administer,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that this delegate body express its very grave concern with the present provisions of the Canada Labour Standards Code Bill C-126 as it applies to country elevator operators, and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Labour be requested to exclude country elevator operators by amending (3) (a) to read,—*"Managers or Superintendents or who exercise management functions or operators of country elevators as defined in the Canada Grain Act or . . ."*

— DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

21. We recommend that the Department of Transport be requested to institute a policy whereby the name of each town be painted on the roof of some prominent building, such as the station or Pool elevator, to aid the flying public.

— UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR FARM LABOUR

22. We recommend that extensive pressure be exercised to obtain unemployment insurance for farm labour.

— INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS

23. WHEREAS the cost of living has been steadily increasing in the past year; we recommend that the personal tax exemption be raised from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 for single persons and from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 for a married couple.

— GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN A.M.A
ACT

24. We recommend that the Provincial Government continue the testing of farm machinery under the Agricultural Machinery Administration Act.

— SOIL AND FEED TESTING PROGRAM

25. We recommend that the provincial Department of Agriculture make capital grants available to the University of Saskatchewan to provide a soil and feed testing program for Saskatchewan farmers.

— MACHINERY REPAIRS

26. We recommend that there should be a penalty enforced when implement companies do not supply repairs for machines within a reasonable time.

— PURCHASE OF FORAGE SEED

27. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture implement an earned-assistance policy for the purchase of forage seed.

— FREIGHT ASSISTANCE, FEED GRAINS

28. WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan freight assistance policy has been applied to certain areas of the province where drought has resulted in feed shortages, and

WHEREAS there are some areas in the province affected by drought which are not included in the assistance area;

We recommend that the government's freight assistance policy applying to feed grains and fodder, be extended to cover the entire province.

— MUNICIPAL TAXES ON COUNTRY ELEVATORS

29. WHEREAS municipal taxes on elevators seem high for services rendered, we recommend that the Board of Directors send representation to the next convention of both urban and rural municipalities and hold discussions with railway companies, to endeavour to have this situation improved.

— ALLOCATION OF SURPLUS EARNINGS—
SEASON 1963-64

30. THAT the allocation of surplus earnings for the year ended 31st July 1964 be approved as follows:

Excess Charges Refund—Season 1963-64...	\$10,206,500.00
Provision for Income Tax—estimated.....	510,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Account—estimated.....	158,583.00
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TOTAL.....	\$10,875,083.00
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and further,

THAT the share of surplus earnings for the year ended 31st July 1964 allocated to Excess Charges Refund, Season 1963-64, and amounting to \$10,206,500.00, be distributed in relation to patronage on all grains and livestock delivered by members of the Company during the year ended 31st July 1964, on the following bases:

Grain:

(a) Patronage dividend at the rate of .75c per bushel, to be used for the purchase, at face value, of Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions of the Company, from members in eligible categories, as previously determined by the Board of Directors, such Deductions to be credited to the persons entitled to the patronage dividend, provided that those members entitled to such dividend whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated.....\$1,818,750.00

— FINANCE AND EARNINGS

(b) Patronage dividend at the rate of 3.4c per bushel, to be retained as a special loan from the shareholders of the Company, for construction of a terminal at the West Coast, in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated.....\$8,245,000.00

Livestock:

(c) Patronage dividend at the rate per head for cattle 18c; calves 8c; hogs 5c; and sheep and lambs 5c; to be retained as a loan from the shareholders of the Company, in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated.....\$ 60,000.00

Agricultural Chemicals:

(d) Patronage dividend at the rate of 10% of the gross sales price, to be paid in cash to all patrons who purchased herbicides and fungicides, estimated.....\$ 82,750.00

TOTAL.....\$10,206,500.00

31. WHEREAS the terms "Elevator Deductions" and "Commercial Reserves" are not fully understood by many members, and in view of the fact that these terms are not strictly applicable to moneys now included in said accounts:

We recommend that the accounts now known as "Elevator Deductions" and "Commercial Reserves" be consolidated on the books of the Company in one account and designated "Member Equity".

32. We recommend that every member-patron be provided this year with a statement of his total equity, together with a letter explaining the allocation of this year's earnings.

— COUNTRY ELEVATOR DIVISION:

Allocation of Boxcars, etc.

33. We recommend that Pool management and officials help eliminate discrimination against Wheat Pool facilities in the allocation of boxcars, embargoes, congested orders and supply of boxcars at the end of the crop year.

— ELEVATOR AGENTS

34. We recommend a more intensive training program for elevator agents be followed, paying special attention to public relations and co-operative philosophy.
35. We recommend that greater effort be made by the railway companies to increase the supply of boxcars and that distribution between points be in proportion to outstanding shipping orders filed with the railway by the elevator agents.

— ELEVATOR SITES

36. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool take immediate steps to secure choice sites for elevator facilities on rail lines likely to be retained in the abandonment program.

— AGENTS' COTTAGES

37. We recommend that the cottage policy be reviewed.

— TERMINAL ELEVATOR DIVISION

38. THAT we support the Board of Directors in its action to acquire a new terminal elevator at the West Coast.

— FARM SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

39. BE IT RESOLVED that we approve the decision of the Board of Directors regarding the joint construction of the fertilizer plant.
40. We recommend that the present farm supply policy be reviewed with a view to more co-operation between Federated Co-operatives Limited, local co-operatives and the Pool, as to supply and the use of facilities.
41. We recommend that the Board of Directors and Management continue to study closely all possibilities of establishing uniform prices on fertilizers and chemicals for the Farm Supply Department.
42. We recommend that fertilizer be made available in 50 and 80-lb. bags, and that bags be moisture proofed and treated to repel rodents.
43. We recommend that the Farm Supply Department provide additional spreaders at strategic points for fertilizer users.
44. We recommend that the Farm Supply Department make available to Wheat Pool members a supply of insecticides such as Co-Ral and Ruelene 25-E.
45. We recommend that a rapid calculator for chemical mixing be made available to members.
46. We recommend that the credit policy on farm supplies be reviewed.
47. We recommend that the Board of Directors give consideration to appointing an advisory committee to the Seed Department to consist of seed growers selected from different parts of the province.

48. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool encourage farmers to grow only recommended, licensed varieties of grain.
49. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool investigate the possibility of bulk sales for certified seed, providing suitable precaution is taken to maintain the purity of the seed.
50. We recommend that shareholders be permitted to order their seed requirements from the Pool elevator and pay for same when seed is delivered, or when space becomes available to handle over-delivery quota.

— *LIVESTOCK DIVISION POLICY*

51. We recommend that the Pool undertake further research into the feasibility of entering the meat packing industry.
52. We recommend that steps be taken to enlarge, improve and modernize our livestock yards where necessary.
53. We recommend that more careful supervision be undertaken in unloading, tattooing and selling hogs and cattle.
54. We recommend that closer supervision be given to proper brand inspection at all Saskatchewan stockyards.
55. We recommend that auctioneers at Pool livestock yards be instructed to use the word "sold" or a word similar, and then repeat the price of the sale clearly so that those who sell can understand them.
56. We recommend that our Livestock Feeder Association policies be reviewed.

— *PRINTING AND PUBLISHING DIVISION*

57. We recommend that the independence of The Western Producer be maintained.
58. We recommend that The Western Producer accident insurance plan be reviewed.

59. We recommend that space be reserved in The Western Producer for an information column to be used by the Canadian Wheat Board and the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.
60. We recommend that radio schedules, especially farm service broadcasts sponsored by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, be listed in The Western Producer.
61. WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has by recent order-in-council lifted the restriction on public service advertising by brewing companies; and WHEREAS such advertising will be carried in other publications circulating in Saskatchewan;

We recommend that The Western Producer be authorized to accept sufficient of such advertising to test the public reaction to it, and further, THAT the whole matter be reviewed at the next Annual Meeting of Delegates.

62. We recommend that The Western Producer publicize the rat control program and urge farmers to check their bait stations.

— PUBLICITY

63. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in any radio and T.V. publicity programs not use the giant farm operator as an image, but rather use the farm of average size as an example, and further, that this recommendation be forwarded to the CBC.
64. THAT we compliment the Publicity Department for the T.V. programs being produced.
65. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool issue model elevator banks as a Canadian Centennial Year Souvenir.

— COUNTRY ORGANIZATION

66. THAT Country Organization be commended on the adoption of slides in conjunction with annual shareholders' meetings and recommend that they be continued and extended.
67. We recommend that the Country Organization Department give consideration to the formation of livestock committees at Pool livestock yards.

68. We recommend that Pool livestock bulletins be mailed to all committee members and agents.
69. We recommend that in the hiring of the personnel for field staff, Country Organization endeavour to hire personnel with background and experience in agriculture and the co-operative movement.

— WHEAT POOL COMMITTEES

70. We recommend that the present committee grant be maintained, but in addition a special earned-assistance grant of \$15.00 be made available to committees for specific programs such as sponsorship of Co-op students, 4-H clubs, and other worthwhile projects.
71. We recommend that service pins be made available to the local committees for presentation to retiring committee members who have a service of at least 25 years.
72. We recommend that the program of banquet-conferences be continued and some time be given to panel discussions, reports, general discussion and resolutions.

— 4-H CLUBS

73. We recommend that 4-H Club plaques be ordered in future, with either a grain or a livestock background, or a combined background.
74. We recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool allow special discounts on seed grain for 4-H Clubs.

— GRANTS

75. We recommend to the Board of Directors that a grant of \$10,000.00 be made to the Extension Department of the University of Saskatchewan.
76. We recommend that a grant of \$18,000.00 be made to the Western Co-operative College Building Extension Fund.

